

CLIMATE HUB ANNUAL REPORT AGM 2026

CLIMATE HUB

*Connecting people
Taking action
Building a brighter
future, together*

**Celebrating a year of action,
connection and collaboration**

*...and looking forward to the
next chapter of climate action
in our community*



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Change begins when people come together

Over the past year, the Climate Hub has continued to nurture connections, inspire action and strengthen a growing movement for climate and nature across our community.

Every conversation, event, volunteer hour and act of participation has helped build momentum towards a more sustainable, resilient and hopeful future.

This report celebrates what we have achieved together & the possibilities that lie ahead.

Friday
July 3rd
2026



AGM Agenda

~ Prompt start: 6pm ~



Museum
of Bath
at Work

1) Welcome & introductions

Chair, Mel Clarke

2) Welcome & housekeeping

Director, Museum of Bath at Work, Stuart Burroughs

3) Summary of achievements

Chair, Mel Clarke

4) Finances

Treasurer, John Leach

5) Goals & year ahead

Partnerships & Operations Manager, Harry Hilser

6) AGM 2025 Minutes & election of trustees

Secretary, Sue Poole

7) Q & A

Chair, Mel Clarke

8) Speaker

Harry Hilser, *'Grassroots climate action: Reasons to be hopeful!'*

9) Thanks & close

Chair, Mel Clarke

~ Close: 7:30pm ~

Please stay for refreshments & an opportunity to chat & network.





Who We Are

Our Vision

Our vision is a network of connected and empowered local communities taking collective action for nature and climate. By working together, we can create a just and sustainable future where the strength of our communities protects the health of our environment. United, we can build resilient communities, create strong, powerful networks, and foster meaningful change because the well-being of both people and the planet depends on collective responsibility and action.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to create safe, inclusive spaces—both physical and online—where local communities, organisations, and individuals can connect, collaborate, and take meaningful action for nature, climate, and people. By raising awareness, providing knowledge, supporting resilience, and amplifying voices, we break down barriers to action and foster a network of empowered communities in Bath. Together, we work towards a future of equity, justice, and a liveable planet for all generations.

Our Values

CIRCLE - representing community, inclusion, and sustainability.

Collaboration: Building partnerships for impact.

Inclusion: Leaving no one behind.

Regenerative culture: Creating sustainable and restorative systems.

Challenging norms: Driving change and innovation.

Leading with justice: Speaking up for fairness and equity.

Ethical transparency: Ensuring openness and honesty in our work.



Our Trustees and Staff

Our team brings together a wealth of experience across community, sustainability and engagement — supported by an incredible community of volunteers, who the Hub owes so much to. Their energy, passion and commitment make everything we do possible.

[Check here to sign up & become part of the movement!](#)



Mel Clarke
Chair



Natalie Barnett
Trustee



Mandy Lake
Trustee



Sarah Oughton
Volunteers Coordinator



Harry Hilser
Operations Manager



John Leach
Treasurer



Caitlin Lorenzana
Grants & Funding Lead



Ryan Spencer
Web Design & Tech Support



Sue Poole
Secretary



Grace Wiltshire
Trustee



Carmen Jones
Trustee

Sincere gratitude to the excellent blogs by Daisy Briggs, Jenny Lambert who kindly supported the Sustainable Pets event, and very special mentions to Celia Mead, Dave Searby, Sally Searby, Jenny Lambert, Stuart Burroughs and Mark Owen among many others!



Chair's Report

Mel Clarke - Chair of Trustees, Climate Hub

When I looked back over the past year I was amazed to see what we had achieved. None of it would have been possible without the incredible support and enthusiasm from our dedicated team of volunteers and supporters. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart, it means so much to have you all there at our sides.

The trustee team steering the Hub:

- **Sue Poole - Secretary**
- **Mel Clarke - Chair**
- **John Leach - Treasurer**
- **Carmen Jones**
- **Mandy Lake**
- **Grace Wiltshire**
- **Natalie Barnett**

Sincere thanks for
all your energy,
commitment &
creativity this year

*Thank
you!*

Last year we had the support of Rachael Wells as our first paid member of staff. Rachael applied her skills to promote the Hub on social media, was key to the website development, facilitated our 3-year strategy after consulting with our partners and behind the scenes she kept up with all the design and tech challenges. We are extremely grateful to her for her time with us and really proud that she has moved on to another green job!

Fortunately, the trustees were in a position to recruit:

- Harry Hilser as our new Operations, Partnerships & Communications Manager,
- Sarah Oughton as the Volunteer & Events Coordinator, and
- Caitlin Lorenzana as Grants & Funding Lead

These positions can only be maintained as long as the funding flows and everyone is pitching in on this, including a local fundraiser, Celia Mead, to whom we are really grateful to for her help.



I counted over 40 events that the Climate Hub either hosted, ran in partnership with or contributed to when I looked back over 2025/26! Some of the highlights:

- Climate Coalition membership and participation in their mass lobby of MPs and Show The Love event
- Festival of Nature in Southgate
- Frome Climate Film Festival
- Sustainable Fashion Week - 3 events in September
- Women Making A Difference - local climate and nature leaders celebrated in July
- Beyond Bath - Climate Migration Panel
- Eco Kids summer activities
- Go Green Widcombe Retrofit Fair
- Hayesfield School Climate Conference
- Greener Christmas wreathmaking
- 2 eco film shows
- Pets & Sustainability event

A major milestone has been the launch of the website last December after big efforts from Martin Shelton of Velocity who started the work in 2024. He handed over to Rachael to develop it with Mark Owen and finally it launched with the help of Ryan Spencer. Many thanks to Ryan who continues to support us when he can. This is a really important aspect of our mission to provide in-person and online spaces for more climate and nature actions.

Another milestone was the decision in August to remove BANES from the name of Climate Hub. There were assumptions that Climate Hub was affiliated or a department of the local authority and we decided to clarify that we are wholly independent.

And lastly - Climate Hub was nominated in the Sustainability section of Bath Life Awards, so people are beginning to see our work!

It's been a year of growth, connections and establishing at Bath Bus Station. None of it possible without the support of YOU - our amazing supporters, members, volunteers, staff, funders and partners. **We're so very grateful.**



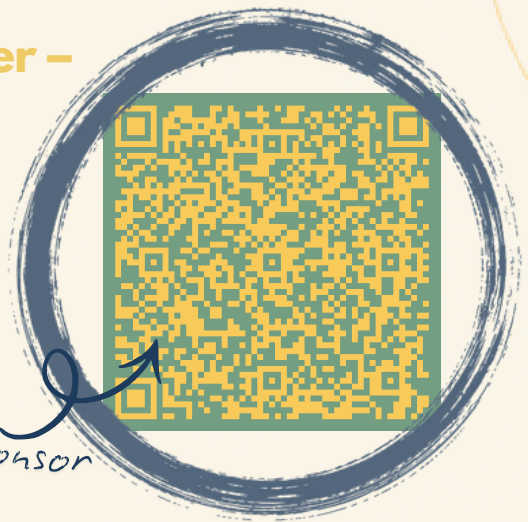


Could you play a bigger part in Climate Hub?

**Become a Member –
it's free!**



Membership



Become a Sponsor

Becoming a member means you'll have the right to vote at our AGM and help shape the future of the Hub. It's a simple way to show your support and stay involved in local action for climate and nature. Members are also added to our mailing list, so you'll receive updates on events, campaigns, and progress.

Become a Sponsor and help sustain our work!

Support us with a **£50 per year payment or just £5 per month** and you'll:

- Help fund events, workshops, and community campaigns
- Receive our newsletter with behind-the-scenes updates
- Be part of a growing local movement for change

Support us with **£10/month or an annual gift of £100 or more** and you'll receive a Climate Hub reusable hot drinks cup!

The knowledge that you're powering volunteer training, new resources, and meaningful community impact!

Why not Volunteer or become a Trustee?

[Click here to learn more](#), or talk to us about this at the AGM!





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Events

At the Hub

- Craft based sessions including engagement and info sharing:
 - Mend it May
 - Show the Love (February - Climate Coalition)
 - Greener Christmas wreath making extravaganza (with additional inputs / activities)
- Pets and Sustainability awareness day (18/10/25)
- Anniversary week celebrations at the Hub with paper chain making and tea / cake (02/11/25)
- Climate and Nature surgery with Wera Hobhouse MP and Cllr Sarah Warren (6/3/26)
- Vision Boarding with Transition Bath (31/3/26)
- Climate hub plant sale (23/05/26)
- Welcoming the Coat of Hopes (19/06/26)

Elsewhere

- International Women's Day at the Bubble - lunch and discussion with nominees from local event
- Rave on for the Avon - film show at Finisterre focusing on action for clean river and waters
- AGM 2025 at the Museum of Bath at Work
- #Stop Rosebank campaign
- Clothes swap - Sustainable Fashion Week - at Sydney Gardens pavilion
- Anniversary celebration at Burdalls Yard
- Nutshell nutrition - cookery & tasting demo at the Bubble - Veganuary event with Hub displays

Hub input / stalls at others' events

- Bath Area Growers Growing Green fair, Bath Organic Allotment
- Festival of Nature in Southgate
- Climate Coalition Mass lobby of Westminster
- Bath Carnival - stall at Sydney Gardens
- Twerton Flower show Pennyquick Park
- Retrofit West Energy Fair Widcombe
- Climate Coalition local lobby (Bath)
- 3SG Volunteer Fair
- Climate & Nature Network conference event - Guildhall
- Bath College Careers fair
- Stall at Hayesfield Schools Climate Conference



Collaborative / joint events

- Walk Bath walks from Hub (hosting start / finish of walks)
- Role of Mending in sustainability, as part of Sustainable Fashion Week with at Bath College
- Natural Dyeing workshop as part of SFW with Bath City Farm
- EcoWild - the work that reconnects
- Mindful Nature writing - with EcoWild & Marchelle Farrell
- Pets and Sustainability - joint event with Wild about Bath, Southdown and Jenny Lambert
- Beyond Bath Climate change, migration, and inequality with Bath Welcomes Refugees
- Vision Board creative collaging with Transition Bath
- Show the Love campaign - engaged with Bath City Farm craft group and a local Girl guide group for the Show the Love campaign - collecting around 100 crafted green hearts to share their messages with MP
- Eco kids summer adventures at Bath City Farm
- People's Emergency Briefing film screening, Roper Theatre

Over 1000 people directly engaged at our events!



Volunteers & visitors

A huge thank you to all our wonderful volunteers – past, present and future. Your time, energy, passion, creativity and commitment inspire us every day.

From welcoming visitors and supporting events to sharing skills, fundraising, communications and administration, **our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do.**

Since opening our doors, hundreds of volunteer hours have helped create a welcoming space for **climate action, community connection, learning, hope and positive change.**



From April 2025 > March 2026 we welcomed 1,948 visitors to the hub who engaged with us on climate & nature issues - with 3,220 additional bus or tourism related enquiries!
(We are in the bus station after all!)



Growing our online community

Climate Hub has significantly expanded its digital presence, using social media to connect residents, volunteers, partners and community groups.



Through regular storytelling, event promotion and partnership communications, our online channels reached over **9,000 people** and generated more than **64,000 views**, helping to share local climate action stories, recruit volunteers and strengthen community engagement across Bath and beyond.

Online engagement also grew strongly, with **content interactions increasing by more than 200%** during the year, helping us connect with new audiences and amplify the impact of our work throughout the region.



Annual Accounts 2025 - 2026

Every donation, grant and contribution helps sustain the Climate Hub as a welcoming space for connection, learning and climate action, enabling us to continue supporting our community and growing our impact.

Climate Hub Financial Accounts

April 2025 - March 2026

Income and Expenditure

Income	Note	2025-26	2024-25
Grants	1	£21,500.00	£10,000.00
Donations		£3,403.73	£706.51
Ticket sales	2	£386.18	-
Bank interest		£96.42	£109.76
Total		£25,386.33	£10,816.27

Expenditure	2025-26	2024-25
Transaction fees	£95.33	£26.28
Assets	£463.98	£874.39
Equipment	£799.71	£2,545.45
Staff / contractors	£32,694.77	£12,100.00
Consumables	£517.71	£1,793.98
Running costs	£5,332.78	£4,311.63
Total	£39,904.28	£21,651.73

Retained surplus -£14,517.95

Depreciation	2025-26	2024-25
Assets at start of FY	£1,775.16	£1,252.32
Assets purchased during the FY	£463.98	£874.39
Asset depreciation	-£628.16	-£351.55
Assets at end of FY	£1,610.98	£1,775.16

Balance Sheet

	Note	2025-26	2024-25
Assets	3	£1,610.98	£1,775.16
Creditors	4	-£3,338.00	-£2,900.77
Debtors	5	£44.40	£1,000.00
Cash in bank		£35,672.71	£50,190.66
Capital and reserves		£33,990.09	£50,065.05

Notes

- 1 National Lottery Community Fund; Retrofit West
- 2 Film showing: Rave on for the Avon
- 3 Laptop; laminator; videomic
- 4 Harry Hilser, Sarah Oughton, Caitlin Lorenzana March 2026 hours
- 5 Payroll Check - one month's fees to be refunded

Special thanks for the generosity and support of National Lottery Awards for All, Par Trust, Retrofit West and University of Bath. As we look ahead, securing sustainable funding remains a key priority, helping ensure the Climate Hub can continue to serve as a trusted community resource for climate and nature action in Bath.

We are deeply grateful to our funders - particularly National Lottery Community Fund and Retrofit West - donors and supporters whose generosity has enabled the Climate Hub to grow, thrive and continue making a positive difference across our community.



Key Connections & Collaborators

The Climate Hub is built on collaboration, and we are deeply grateful to the many partners, community groups, businesses, volunteers, funders and supporters who have contributed their time, energy, expertise and encouragement throughout the year. Together, we have created opportunities for learning, connection and meaningful action across Bath and beyond.



A particularly heartfelt thank you goes to **First Bus** for their generosity in providing the Rotunda Bus Station as the home of the Climate Hub. Its central, highly visible location has helped us welcome thousands of visitors and establish a vibrant community space at the heart of the city. We are immensely grateful for their trust, support and commitment to helping climate and nature action flourish.



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"Thank you for this space and the offers of a map. We learnt a lot."

"I'm a regular visitor here whilst waiting for the bus. I find it inspiring and so needed. I'm going to take a Stop Rosebank postcard to send to my MP. This is wonderful. I love it here."

"A wonderful source of information and a beautiful, positive space."

"Well done — you've made this place look beautiful. It's fantastic!"

"This is a fantastic location for a Climate Hub. I love what's going on here"

"Love this space! Find the bike maps very useful!"

"Congratulations on all the work on the centre and events."

Visitors

Voices of the hub

"As one of the region's longest-standing climate groups, Transition Bath is proud to work alongside Climate Hub to continue to help unite, stimulate and strengthen local efforts. The hub's collaborative spirit and clear presence is a vital contribution to the goal of sustainability, our community and landscape."

Transition Bath

"You and the team always bring such energy, creativity and colour, and really help to create an exciting event."

The Natural History Consortium

"Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon is truly grateful for the support, inspiration, and initiative shown by Climate Hub. Together, we are stronger."

Climate Friendly Bradford on Avon

Partners

"Climate Hub is fulfilling a vital function as a beacon of truth and a point of contact for people concerned about the climate and nature crises. Well done!"

Bath XR

"We value being able to share our information at the Hub to help promote knowledge and information about climate and energy efficiency "

National Energy Action

"At Share and Repair we are pleased to work closely with the Climate Hub. They are fantastic at signposting people to the support they need and also at providing support to us and other local environmental charities. Thank you to the team!"

Share and Repair



Thank  you

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